

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 4-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bi et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,835,848) and further in view of Pravitz et al. (WO 9733381) and Coleman et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 4,562,436).

In the present invention, the measurement receiver is configured to measure the magnitude of wave-like variations in amplification of the repeater as a function of the frequency. Thus, the variations are in the frequency domain, which is quite different from the time domain and well-known oscillations of an output signal.

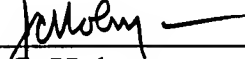
In the prior art references, the measurements are made in the time domain, and therefore there is no anticipation or obviousness of the present invention concept as defined in amended claim 1. An indication of allowability is therefore solicited.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the present application, as they now stand, patentably distinguish over the references cited and applied by the Examiner and are, therefore, in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is in order, and such favorable action and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

However, if after reviewing the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorneys.

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